

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 58th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT AND TRANSPORTATION

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN JOHN BRUEGGEMAN**, on February 12, 2003
at 9:00 A.M., in Room 317-B Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. John Brueggeman, Chairman (R)
Sen. Gregory D. Barkus (R)
Sen. Mike Cooney (D)
Rep. Monica Lindeen (D)
Rep. John Sinrud (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Rick Laible, Vice Chairman (R)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Matt Bugni, OBPP
Greg DeWitt, Legislative Branch
Christi Moyer, OBPP
Amy Sassano, OBPP
Lisa Gallagher, Committee Secretary
Lynn Zanto, Legislative Branch

Please Note: These are summary minutes. Testimony and
discussion are paraphrased and condensed. Tape
stamp refers to material immediately following.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: None

Executive Action: Motor Pool; Governor's Office

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EXECUTIVE ACTION ON FIGURE 7A A-124

Motion: SEN. COONEY moved that **FIGURE 7A MOTOR POOL DO PASS.**

Discussion:

Greg DeWitt explained figure 7A in regards to the Department of Transportation.

Vote: Motion **FIGURE 7A DO PASS** carried 6-0, by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

Motion: SEN. BARKUS moved that **DP 111 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

REP. LINDEEN asked SEN. BARKUS if this was a reduction. **SEN. BARKUS** said, "No, this is an increase."

REP. LINDEEN asked Mary Jo Murray, Governor's Office, if the Governor's Office was put on a four-year replacement schedule. **Mary Jo Murray** said, "Yes."

REP. LINDEEN said that an option might be to put to Governor's Office on a five-year replacement schedule.

Lynn Zanto handed out to the committee a computer funding spreadsheet for 2005 biennium.

EXHIBIT(jgh31a01)

Motion: SEN. BARKUS moved that **DP 111 BE AMENDED TO DESIGNATE \$20,933 IN FISCAL 2004 AS ONE-TIME-ONLY.**

Discussion:

REP. LINDEEN asked Mary Jo Murray what the server is needed for. **Mary Jo Murray** said that the server is the hub of the Governor's Office, and it is about five years old.

REP. LINDEEN said that they should try and make it through another biennium with their current server.

SEN. BARKUS said that servers are very important and that they control the speed of the computers. The computers are only as good as the equipment that accompanies them.

Vote: Motion that DP 111 BE AMENDED carried 6-0, by voice vote.

Motion/Vote: SEN. BARKUS moved that DP 111 DO PASS AS AMENDED. Motion carried 4-2 with REPS. LINDEEN and SINRUD voting no, by voice vote.

Motion: REP. SINRUD moved that DP 101 DO PASS.

Discussion:

SEN. COONEY asked if this was one of the areas that was a proposed cut. **REP. BRUEGGEMAN** said that it could be cut, but the committee is not dealing with it as a reduction. It is be voted on the way that it is proposed.

SEN. BARKUS said that it bothered him that it is the higher level officers that are protecting the governor. There are better officers protecting the governor than the citizens. However, he also said that it is important to protect the governor.

REP. BRUEGGEMAN said that it is in the best interest of the public to protect the governor, regardless of party affiliation.

SEN. COONEY said that this is unmarked territory, and this is the first governor to have executive protection. However, this should be made available, and the decisions should be left up to the professionals.

Vote: Motion carried 6-0, by voice vote.

Motion: REP. SINRUD moved that DP 104 DO PASS.

Discussion:

Lynn Zanto said that this is the economic development state special revenue authority. This will add one FTE, and it is \$115,660 in the first year, and over \$230,000 total for the biennium.

SEN. COONEY asked Lynn Zanto if this money goes to the one FTE. **Lynn Zanto** said, "Yes."

REP. LINDEEN asked if the money was through the Department of Commerce. **Mary Jo Murray** said that the money for the Work Force Development Act (WFDA) was from the Department of Labor and it came from the federal government and this request is just so paper work can be eliminated.

Vote: Motion carried 6-0, by voice vote.

Motion/Vote: **SEN. BARKUS** moved that DP 7106 DO PASS. Motion carried 6-0, by voice vote.

Motion/Vote: **REP. LINDEEN** moved that DP 7107 DO PASS. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion: **SEN. COONEY** moved that DP 8108 BE AMENDED.

Discussion:

Lynn Zanto said that what this is doing is removing all the general fund money from the ombudsman program. The ombudsman program and Montana Disabilities Board of Visitors are pursuing federal Medicaid money, and general fund withing the Board of Visitors could be used to match general dollars for both programs.

Lynn Zanto handed out an amendment to DP 8108, the ombudsman program to move the budget from Program 01 to Program 20.

EXHIBIT (jgh31a02)

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Vote: Motion that DP 8108 BE AMENDED carried 6-0, by voice vote.

Motion/Vote: **SEN. COONEY** moved that DP 8108 DO PASS AS AMENDED. Motion carried 6-0, by voice vote.

Motion: **REP. LINDEEN** moved that LANGUAGE RECOMMENDATIONS DO PASS.

Discussion:

REP. LINDEEN asked how much is usually budgeted. **REP. SINRUD** said, "\$174,323 per year."

Amy Sassano said that they have to be frugal with this money.

REP. SINRUD asked Amy Sassano if the language was if they go over the \$174,323 budget. **Amy Sassano** said, "Yes."

Lynn Zanto said that they can request a supplemental if they go over budget.

SEN. BARKUS asked Mary Jo Murray why this is handled through the Governor's Office and not through the Department of Justice.

Mary Jo Murray said that the Governor approves the extraditions, therefore the money goes with who is making the final decision. She said that the money used to be with the Department of Justice, but that was changed recently.

SEN. BARKUS asked Mary Jo Murray if the Governor signs all the bills, should everything be in the Governor's budget. **Mary Jo Murray** said that there are contracts between states for extradition. It is up to the county to incur the cost and then the state reimburses the county.

Amy Sassano said that the language just acknowledges that the money is needed to do this.

REP. SINRUD asked Amy Sassano if the \$174,323 came out of the Justice Department's budget. **Amy Sassano** said that the money came from the Governor's Office budget. When the decision was made to switch from the Department of Justice to the Governor's Office, the budget was moved.

Amy Sassano said that the extradition is based on a governor-to-governor relationship and the money was moved because the Governor had the final say.

SEN. BARKUS asked Amy Sassano if the county pays for extradition. **Amy Sassano** said that the county pays for the extradition at first, but then the Governor's Office incurs the final cost.

SEN. COONEY said that it makes sense to have the people who are dealing with the budget have the money.

Vote: Motion carried 6-0, by voice vote.

Motion: **SEN. BARKUS** moved DP 301 DO PASS.

Discussion:

SEN. COONEY asked Mary Jo Murray how often do agencies outside the Governor's Office use the airplane. **Mary Jo Murray** said she

did not know percentages, but gave the number of hours used by each department.

SEN. COONEY asked Mary Jo Murray if the Governor's Office reimbursed at a rate of \$365 per hour. **Mary Jo Murray** said, "Yes, and 60% of that money goes into a special revenue fund for airplane maintenance."

SEN. COONEY asked how much money was in that special revenue fund. **Mary Jo Murray** said, "\$75,000 and that money will be used for an engine overhaul."

Vote: Motion carried 6-0, by voice vote.

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Motion/Vote: **REP. SINRUD** moved that DP 111 DO PASS. Motion carried 6-0, by voice vote.

Motion/Vote: **SEN. BARKUS** moved that DP 401 DO PASS. Motion carried 6-0, by voice vote.

Motion/Vote: **REP. LINDEEN** moved that DP 402 DO PASS. Motion carried 6-0, by voice vote.

Motion: **REP. LINDEEN** moved that DP 501 DO PASS.

Discussion:

SEN. BARKUS asked Lynn Zanto if she would explain the statement "the money that is not used should stay for commissions use." **Lynn Zanto** said that this gives them federal spending authority of \$2 million.

REP. SINRUD asked Lori Ryan if they get grants, and if they do what are they for. **Lori Ryan** said that they have applied through Housing Urban Development (HUD) for grants, but they did not get them.

REP. SINRUD asked Lori Ryan what she thought the reason for not getting any grants was. **Lori Ryan** said that, with the HUD grant, she thinks that the federal government would rather directly fund the tribes instead of through an agency.

SEN. COONEY asked what is the status of the Indian Affairs Coordinator. **Lori Ryan** said that it has been vacant since February 2002, and it is still vacant, and they are waiting on a

list of five nominees by the tribal nations, and then the Governor will appoint one of them to the position.

Vote: Motion carried 6-0, by voice vote.

Motion: SEN. BARKUS moved that DP 1201 DO PASS.

Discussion:

SEN. COONEY asked if this was adding one FTE. Barbara Ranf said that what they did was take the money from two positions and make three different positions.

Vote: Motion carried 6-0, by voice vote.

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Lynn Zanto said that the base for the general fund is at the 2000 level and the base for all other funding is at the 2002 level.

Motion/Vote: REP. SINRUD moved that DP 111 DO PASS. Motion carried 6-0, by voice vote.

Motion/Vote: SEN. BARKUS moved that DP 2001 DO PASS. Motion carried 6-0, by voice vote.

Motion: REP. SINRUD moved TO REPLACE UNSPECIFIED REDUCTION DO PASS.

Discussion:

REP. BRUEGGEMAN said that there is \$2.5 million unspecified reduction in the Governor's Office Budget.

REP. LINDEEN asked what the total savings is. REP. BRUEGGEMAN said about \$5 million, but that is not a net savings.

REP. LINDEEN asked how much money is being talked about. Lynn Zanto said that she would update the spreadsheet and get that information.

REP. SINRUD said that it would be better for this committee to fund specific programs instead of the full appropriations committee.

Vote: Motion carried 6-0, by voice vote.

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Motion/Vote: SEN. BARKUS moved that THE COMMITTEE REQUEST A COMMITTEE BILL THAT WOULD MOVE THE CONSENSUS COUNCIL TO BE UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION AND THE FLATHEAD BASIN COMMISSION TO BE UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION. Motion carried 6-0, by voice vote.

Exhibit 3 was handed to the secretary.

EXHIBIT(jgh31a03)

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:20 A.M.

REP. JOHN BRUEGGEMAN, Chairman

LISA GALLAGHER, Secretary

JB/LG

EXHIBIT (jgh31aad)